

REMARKS

Applicants wish to advise the Examiner that a copy of the verified translations of Priority Documents JP 2000-299230 and JP 2000-299231 were submitted with the response filed on July 16, 2004, copies of which are attached herewith.

As evidence of Applicants' previous submission of the documents in connection with the present application, Applicants enclose a copy of the postcard indicating receipt of the Reply with a copy of verified English translation of JP 2000-299230 and JP 2000-299231 by the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact **Garth M. Dahlen, Ph.D., Esq.** (Reg. No. 43,575) at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

BIRCH, STEWART, KOLASCH & BIRCH, LLP

By *G. A. Miller* #43575  
Marc S. Weiner, #32,181

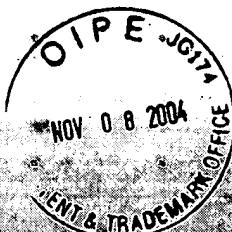
MSW/GMD/mua  
0042-0457P

P.O. Box 747  
Falls Church, VA 22040-0747  
(703) 205-8000

for

Attachments: Verified Translations of Priority Documents JP 2000-299230 and JP 2000-299231

A copy of Receipt-stamped Postcard



Papers Filed herewith on: July 16, 2004 34:  
DOCKET NO: 0042-04570 ATTY: MSW/TBS  
APPLICANT(S): Keisuke MATSUMOTO et al.  
APPLN. NO: 09/964,588 FILED: 9-28-2001  
PAT NO: \_\_\_\_\_

New Application with Transmittal Letter  
 Utility  Design  CIP  PCT  Provisional  
 Filing Under 37 CFR 1.53(b)  CONT  DIV  
 Filing Under 37 CFR 1.114(RCE)  
 Specification Consisting of: \_\_\_\_\_ pages  
 Combined Declaration & Power of Attorney  
 Assignment/Cover Letter  
 Letter to Official Draftsman  
 Drawings \_\_\_\_\_ Sheets  Formal  Informal  Red-Ink  
 Completion of Filing Requirements, PCT/D/WE/905  
or Formalities Letter and Executed Declaration  
 Priority Document(s) / Cover Letter, No. Doc.  
 Amendment: under 37 CFR 1.111

Transmittal Ltr  Large Entity  Small Entity  
 Response \_\_\_\_\_  
 Information Discl Stmt. PTO-1449(s) \_\_\_\_\_ doc(s)  
 PTO/ISA/210  
 Notice of Appeal  Appeal Brief  
 Issue Fee Transmittal  Sequence Listing  
 FEES: \$850.00 \* 9030345

Letter:  
 Other: Verified English Translation  
of JP 2000-299230 and  
JP 2000-299231

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the papers filed as indicated in connection with the above identified case.

COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS

Due Date: 7-20-04

Handcarry: \_\_\_\_\_

DOCKET NO. 0042-04570